

## **EXHIBIT A**

# CENTRAL GROCERS

**COOPERATIVE INCORPORATED**

(390 OR-309)

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## APPLICATION

STORE NUMBER 309

DATE 8/9/91

I hereby make application for membership with **Central Grocers Coop Inc.** and in doing so, I enclose a  
certified check in the amount of \$ 500.00. This check is to cover the cash deposit requirement as  
established by the Board of Directors of **Central Grocers Coop Inc.** and also the purchase of five (5) shares of  
capital stock at \$100.00 par value each.

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Check Type of Organization

Corporation ☒ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Single-owner \_\_\_\_\_

State in which Incorporated ILL. CORP. # 100483

Trading Name of Store

BERKOT'S SUPER FOODS  
~~BERKOT - FOODS~~

Address of Store

20005 S WOLF RD

Zip Code

MOKEA IL  
CITY STATE  
60448 WILL  
ZIP COUNTY

Phone Number at Store

708-479-7411

Names and Home Addresses of ALL Corporate Officers,  
Partners or owners:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PER-CENT OWNED</u>
<u>JOHN KOTARA</u>	<u>18804 MEADOWVIEW DR.</u>	<u>PRES.</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>DOMENIC BERNARDI</u>	<u>3403-169TH ST.</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>50</u>

Name of Principle Officer or Partner JOHN KOTARA  
Home Address 18804 MEADOWVIEW DR. MUKETA IL 60448  
Home Phone Number 708 479 7020

Name and Address of Accountants: HANCOCK & CO.  
16800 Chicago Ave P.O. Box 351 Lansing IL 60438

Size of Building:

Selling Area 16000 sq. ft.

Check one: Own Building ☒ Lease Building ☐

Parking Area (number of cars) 75

**STORE INFORMATION:**

Business Telephone Number(s) 708-479-7441

Store Manager: JOHN KOTARA

Requested Delivery Days:

Grocery TUE + FRI. (10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON)

Frozen MON + THUR. (EARLY-AM 9:00)

Produce ~~TUE + THUR + SAT~~  
OR  
MON + WED + FRI (EARLY-AM 8:00)

Check The Following Programs You Wish To Participate In:

- ☐ Insurance
- ☒ Case Labels
- ☐ Cart Deliveries
- ☐ Window Posters
- ☐ Sales Analysis
- ☒ MSI Ordering System

In addition to the above I (we) do hereby agree to deposit with the Corporation, a sum equal to TWO TIMES my (our) average weekly purchases . . . thus entitling me (us) to one week's credit; and to deposit additional sums of money from time to time, as and when my (our) weekly purchases increase, so as to maintain the ratio of TWO TIMES my (our) weekly purchases.

I (we) agree to add to my (our) initial cash deposit \$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly, this amount to appear as a charge on my (our) weekly statement and to continue until such time as my (our) deposit is equal to TWO TIMES weekly purchases.


**EXAMPLE:**


Weekly Purchases: \$10,000.00  
Deposit Requirement: \$20,000.00

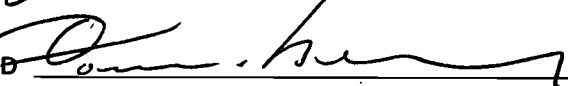
It is also understood, the ownership of this membership, entitles me (us) to participate in any patronage rebates of **CENTRAL GROCERS COOPERATIVE, INC.** based on my (our) purchases made during life of this membership, according to the By-Laws of said company. Any rebates earned shall be subject without process of law, to being set off or applied at any time against any indebtedness owed by the member stockholder to the Corporation.


Applicant hereby signs and submits this application for membership in **Central Grocers Coop Inc.** as of the date inserted below having thoroughly reviewed the Cooperatives By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. Applicant agrees to comply with and be bound by the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of **Central Grocers Coop Inc.** as currently in effect and as the same may be amended hereafter.

DATE 8-9-91

SIGNED 

TITLE 

SIGNED 

TITLE 

**— OFFICE USE ONLY —**

**Approval:**

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Cartage/Whse. \_\_\_\_\_

Accounting \_\_\_\_\_

Board \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Case Labels
- ☐ Cart Delivery
- ☐ Window Posters
- ☐ Sales Analysis
- ☐ MSI Ordering System

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Accounting Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Dept. \_\_\_\_\_



CENTRAL GROCERS, INC.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- ☒ Member  
☐ Patron  
☐ Customer

Store No.: # 317

Date: 7/23/19

**SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO: CENTRAL GROCERS, INC.  
11100 BELMONT AVENUE  
FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 60131**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

We are pleased that you are interested in Central Grocers, Inc. becoming your primary supplier. In order to assist us in the consideration of your membership application, you will need to provide *all* the following information about your Company (Applicant), its organizational structure and other items requested in this application. Note that your failure to provide any information requested in this application or any information provided by you that cannot be verified may result in a delay in processing or a decline of your application. Please answer the following items:

1. Please state the full and correct name of your Company/store as registered with the Illinois Secretary of State and any other State in which your Company is qualified to do business:

Mom Kot, Ltd

2. Check the type of entity of applicant:

☒ Corporation    ☐ LLC    ☐ Partnership    ☐ Sole proprietorship  
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3. Provide your Federal Employer's Identification Number:

4. Provide your State Business (sales tax) Number(s) IL

WA

IN

5. State any trade names or "doing business names", whether or not registered with the Secretary of State, that your Company uses and/or owns:

Berkot's Super Foods

6. (a.) The Company or the agent (completing this application) is affiliated with or has an ownership interest in the following (including affiliates and subsidiaries):

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>	<u>Ownership Percentage or Relationship</u>
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- (b.) The Company is owned by the following:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>	<u>Ownership Percentage or Relationship</u>
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<u>Dikot, Ltd</u>	<u>SuperMarket</u>	<u>100%</u>

7. (a). Our principal place of business and the location at which the Company maintains its accounting books and records is:

20005 Wolf Rd Mokena IL 60448  
Street Address 708.479.7411 City 708.479.8777 State  
Phone Number Fax Number

- (b). The Company has other places of business and/or maintains inventory or other collateral at the following addresses:

159 Stirling Place Mokena IL 60954  
Street Address City State/Country

Street Address City State/Country

Street Address City State/Country

8. Provide the following information with respect to the store that you wish to receive deliveries:

Store Name: Berkot's Super Foods  
Street Address: 159 Stirling Place Mokena IL 60954  
Street Address City State Zip

Store Phone Number: 815.472.2669

Store Contact Person: Luke Kotara

Size of Store retail selling area: 14,150 square feet

Parking Area (no. of parking spaces): spaces

Check one: ☐ Own building ☒ Lease Building

Check the following information with respect to the store that you wish to receive deliveries:

- ☐ Custom Pricing  
☐ Update Shelf Labels (No Price)  
☐ Update Shelf Labels (with Price)  
☐ Chicago Custom Labels

9. Please provide the following information (if additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet).

(a.) Board of Directors

Full Name	Title	Home Address	Ownership %
John Kotara	Director	19400 Hunter Tr Mokena IL	- 0 -
Luke Kotara	Director	24224 S. Indian Tr Manhattan	50%
Rene Eganik	Director	19822 Wilshire Mokena	50%
	Director		
	Director		

Above reflects ownership of  
Parent Co. Dikot, Ltd



(b.) Company Officers/LLC Managers

Full Name	Title	Home Address	Ownership %
John Kotara	PRES	Same	
Lake Kotara	V.P.	Same	50%
Rene Ewanik	Secy / Treas		50%

10. Prompt written notice will be given to Central Grocers, Inc. of any change or amendment with respect to any of the information provided in this application. Until such notice is received by you, Central Grocers, Inc. shall be entitled to rely upon the foregoing in all respects. \_\_\_\_\_ (please initial)
11. Please ATTACH all the following documents of Company to this application:
- ✓ \* Articles of Incorporation (or Articles of Organization)
  - \* Certificate of Good Standing
  - \* Bank Resolutions
  - ✓ \* FEIN information
  - \* Shareholder Agreement re: voting rights

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This represents an application for membership in Central Grocers, Inc.'s cooperative by the undersigned Company, by and through its authorized agent. If approved by Central Grocers, Inc., this application shall represent Company's membership agreement with the cooperative. In addition to the above, the Company does hereby agree to deposit with Central Grocers, Inc. a sum equal to TWO TIMES (2x) store's average weekly purchases, thus entitling the member to one week's credit. Furthermore, the member agrees to deposit additional sums of money from time to time as and when Company's weekly purchases increase or when balances become due, thereby maintaining the ratio of TWO TIMES (2x) its weekly purchases. If approved, Applicant agrees to pay all weekly statements by Thursday of the following week.

The member agrees that if this application for membership is approved, the Company's membership shall entitle the Company to participate in any patronage rebates of Central Grocers, Inc. based on the Company's purchases made during the term of the membership subject to the rules, policies, regulations, and by-laws of Central Grocers, Inc. Any rebates earned shall be subject to, without process of law, being set off or applied at any time against any indebtedness owed by the Company, authorized agent, affiliates of the Company or member stockholder of the Company. If the Company is approved as a "Customer", the Customer will not be entitled to participate in any patronage rebate programs of Central Grocers, Inc.

Company, by and through its authorized agent, hereby signs and submits this application for membership in Central Grocers, Inc. As of the date executed below, having thoroughly reviewed the Central Grocers, Inc.'s rules, policies, regulations, and by-laws, upon approval of membership, the member further agrees to strictly comply with and be bound by the cooperative rules, policies, regulations, and by-laws as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time hereinafter. The applicant certifies that all information provided herein is true and accurate.

APPLICANT COMPANY

MomKot, Ltd

✓ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: President

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**Central Grocers, Inc.**

## **Membership Application**

- ☒ **Member**
- ☐ **Patron**

**Store Number:** 321

**Name:** Watsekot, Ltd. d/b/a Berkot's Super Foods

**Date:** Nov 26, 2013

**Submit Membership Application To: Central Grocers, Inc.**  
**2600 W. Haven Ave.**  
**Joliet, IL 60433**

**Membership Application**

We are pleased that you are interested in Central Grocers, Inc. becoming your primary supplier. In order to assist us in the consideration of your membership application, you will need to provide all the following information about your Company (Applicant), its organizational structure and other items requested in this application. Note that your failure to provide any information requested in this application or any information provided by you that cannot be verified may result in a delay in processing or a decline of your application. Please answer the following items:

1. Please state the full and correct name of your Company/Store as registered with the Illinois Secretary of State and any other State in which you Company is qualified to do business.

Watsekot, Ltd.

2. Check the type of entity of applicant:

☒ Corporation    ☐ LLC    ☐ Partnership    ☐ Sole Proprietorship

3. Provide Federal Employer's Identification (FEIN)

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4. Provide your State Business (sales tax) Number(s)

WI \_\_\_\_\_  
IN \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. State any trade names or "doing business names", whether or not registered with the Secretary of Stat. that you Company uses and /or owns:

Berkot's Super Foods

6. (A.) The Company or agent (completing this application) is affiliated with or has an ownership interest in the following (including affiliates and subsidiaries):

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>	<u>Ownership % or Relationship</u>
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- (B.) The Company is owned by the following:

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>	<u>Ownership % or Relationship</u>
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<u>Dikot Ltd.</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>	<u>100%</u>

7. (A.) Our principal place of business & the location at which the Company maintains its accounting books & records is:

11333 W. 159th St.      Orland Park      IL      60467  
Street Address      City      State  
708-675-7567      708-675-7390      Courtroe@hotmail.com  
Phone Number      Fax Number      Email Address

(B.) The Company has other places of business and/or maintains inventory or other collateral at the following address:

Street Address      City      State/Country

Street Address      City      State/Country

Street Address      City      State/Country

8. Provide the following information with respect to the store that you wish to receive deliveries:

Store Name: Watseka, Ltd. d/b/a. Berkot's Super Foods

Street Address: 1152 E. Walnut St.      Watseka IL      60970  
City      State      Zip

Store Phone Number: 815-432-0902

Store Contact Person: Dave Phyzbyla

Size of Store Retail selling area: \_\_\_\_\_ Square Feet

Parking Area (# of parking spaces): \_\_\_\_\_ Spaces

Check One: \_\_\_\_\_ Own Building      ☒ Lease Building

9. Please provide the following information (if additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet).

(A.) Board of Directors

Full Name	Title	Home Address	Ownership %
	Director		
	Director		
	Director		
	Director		
	Director		
	Director		

(B.) Company Officers/LLC Managers

Full Name	Title	Home Address	Ownership %
John Kotara	President	19400 Hunter Trail Dr. Mokena, IL 60448	Ø
Lucas Kotara	VP	12549 Surrey Ct. Mokena, IL 60448	

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11. Please ATTACH all the following documents of Company to this application:

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- \*FEIN Information

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The Applicant agrees that if this application for membership is approved, the Company's membership shall entitle the Company to participate in any patronage rebates of Central Grocers based on the Company's purchases made during the term of the membership subject to the rules, policies, regulation, & by-laws of Central Grocers, Inc. Any rebates earned shall be subject to, without process of law, being set off or applied at any time against any indebtedness owed by the Company, authorized agent, affiliates of the Company or member stockholder of the Company. If the Company is approved as a "Customer", the Customer will not be entitled to participate in any patronage rebate programs of Central Grocers, Inc.

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APPLICANT:

Name: Watsekot, Ltd. d/b/a Berkot's Super Foods

By: Courtney Roe

Its: Accounting Supervisor



**Central Grocers, Inc.**

## **Membership Application**

☒ **Member**  
☐ **Patron**

**Store Number:** 325

**Name:** AROMAKOT LTD DBA BERKOT'S Super Foods

**Date:** 3/17/14

**Submit Membership Application To: Central Grocers, Inc.**  
**2600 W. Haven Ave.**  
**Joliet, IL 60433**

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Aromakot, LTD.

2. Check the type of entity of applicant:

☒ Corporation    ☐ LLC    ☐ Partnership    ☐ Sole Proprietorship

3. Provide Federal Employer's Identification (FEIN):

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4. Provide your State Business (sales tax) Number(s):

VT \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street Address      City      State  
(708) 675-7567      (708) 675-7390      CourtneyROE@BERKot.net  
Phone Number      Fax Number      Email Address

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8. Provide the following information with respect to the store that you wish to receive deliveries:

Store Name: BERKot's Super Foods

Street Address: 200 S. Bridge St Arora Park IL 60910

Store Phone Number: 815-933-4131      City      State      Zip

Store Contact Person: TBD.

Size of Store Retail selling area: \_\_\_\_\_ Square Feet

Parking Area (# of parking spaces): \_\_\_\_\_ Spaces

Check One: ☐ Own Building      ☒ Lease Building

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	Director		
	Director		
	Director		
	Director		
	Director		
	Director		

(B.) Company Officers/LLC Managers

Full Name	Title	Home Address	Ownership %
John Kotara	President	19400 Hunter trail Dr. Mokena Il. 60448	0
LUKE Kotara	VP	12549 Surrey Ct. Mokena Il. 60448	0

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APPLICANT:

Name: Aroma Kot, LTD. DBA BERKOT'S Super Foods

By: DERRICK CANNON

Its: C. M.